

of information technology can have a substantial impact on our nation's economic productivity and growth as well as the educational and social success of our citizens. Accordingly, it is our task to ensure that the Government formulates policies that foster the continued development of the IT sector while also providing for citizens' access to technology and opportunity for economic advancement.

Among the most important ways that the Government can assure the robustness of our information technology sector and broad deployment of technology are by continuing to fund IT research and development and by adhering to technology-neutral policies that support market-based innovation, including by enabling firms to capitalize on the intellectual property they add to government-funded technologies. Private firms are generally willing to commercialize publicly funded research only if they can protect the intellectual property they contribute to the development process in a manner that allows them to secure a return on their investment. Thus, for example, it is vital that the government licenses software developed with public research funds under terms that enable private resources to develop such software into commercially viable products.

Over the years, U.S. businesses and industry have proven extremely adept at developing successful new products from cutting-edge technologies. Many of the private sector's most successful products and technologies have been developed in no small part due to sound public policy that fosters innovation. This is especially true in the information technology sector. With the support of the Federal Government—both through funding and through technology-neutral policies that promote commercialization—we can ensure that the information technology sector remains robust and continues to innovate for the benefit of our economy and the health and welfare of our citizens.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MILES STOTTS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise and pay tribute to Miles Stotts of Pitkin County, Colorado. Recently, Miles announced his retirement from his position as Director of Natural Resources for Pitkin County. As he moves on in his career to undertake new challenges, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

In 1996, Miles came to Pitkin County, when he accepted a position as Manager of Construction overseeing the remaking of the county's landfill. Upon successfully creating one of the most ecological landfills in the state, he took a job as the county's Director of Natural Resources. This job required managing a wide variety of responsibilities for the county. During his tenure, he has been responsible for accrediting restaurants, preventing the spread of the West Nile virus, and monitoring septic systems, water quality and wildlife. One of his most significant achievements was overseeing the successful passage of the Wildlife Protection Ordinance, a mandate for bearproof garbage cans.

Mr. Speaker, Miles Stotts has shown his commitment to the citizens of Pitkin County in his care for the environment. Miles leaves behind a legacy for his work as the Director of Natural Resources, and his oversight and leadership in developing the county's new landfill. Thanks for all your hard work Miles, and I wish you the best in your future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO KEITH ALEXANDER GLASCOE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Keith Alexander Glascoe.

This weekend a street in New York City will be dedicated and named in honor of Keith Alexander Glascoe. This is a fitting tribute to an honorable man.

In his life, he traveled down many streets and by-ways. The message of his life was to always keep moving down the road and to never be sidetracked by any obstacles.

As we know, he played football from the time he was a child. He had the rare ability to be both a team player and an outstanding individual player. He not only contributed to several championships on his high school and college teams, he also had the rare opportunity to try out for the New York Jets and played professional football in Italy.

As a testament to his ability to move between many arenas, this athlete was also an actor. And I think that the fact that he was able to accumulate so many acting credits in such a short period of time, not only speaks to his talent, but also his perseverance. Few people have this kind of uncommon versatility coupled with determination. But Keith was not only a determined person, he was a concerned person. He wanted to make things better for others.

So this athlete and actor, added public servant to his list of credits. This is why he worked at New York City's Child Welfare Agency and this is why he went to work for the New York City Fire Department.

And this is exactly the right street to name in honor of Keith because it is situated between Adam Clayton Powell, Jr Boulevard and Malcolm X Boulevard. Keith's street belongs between these two streets that are named after two African-American men who devoted themselves to improving the lives of ordinary people.

Keith Glascoe was the kind of man who saw a problem and wanted to find a solution. He was the kind of man who saw a need and sought to fill it. He was the kind of man who helped others. And gave his life in the process of doing so. That is why it is fitting that we name this street after this great public servant.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CLINICAL RESEARCH ACT OF 2004

HON. DAVE WELDON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to join with my colleague from

Pennsylvania, Mr. DOYLE to introduce the "Clinical Research Act of 2004." This bill will address many of the problems confronting our Academic Health Centers as they attempt to leverage the enormous biomedical research gains made in the past century.

Breakthroughs in basic biomedical sciences, including human genomics, biomedical engineering, molecular biology, and immunology, over the past five decades have provided an unprecedented supply of information for improving human health. As a member of the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee I am proud to say that the remarkable strides that have been made in basic science would not have occurred without the support of Congress and the general public. While we realize that research may not produce results overnight, we, as stewards of the taxpayers' dollar have every right to expect that the fruits of that research will result in better treatments for patients. This requires a clinical research infrastructure capable of translating, in a systemic and rational way, the fruits of basic research into improved patient care.

I, along with many of my colleagues in the Congress and the public in general, have become increasingly concerned that we have been too slow in getting improved patient therapies and interventions from the enormous investment we have made in basic research. Many in this Congress have expressed concern about the apparent disconnect between the promise of basic science and the delivery of better health care for the citizens of this country. Without strong Academic Health Centers capable of conducting clinical research the promise of improving the health of the American people will continue to elude us.

Unfortunately, the clinical research environment in the Academic Health Centers is encumbered by rising costs, inadequate funding, mounting regulatory burdens, fragmented infrastructure, incompatible databases, and a shortage of both qualified investigators and willing study participants.

This bill, through its clinical research support grants, infrastructure grants, and partnerships in clinical research grants will provide our Nation's Academic Health Centers with the resources they need and the opportunity to meet the public's expectations. This bill is specifically aimed at improving the translation of this new medical science knowledge to directly benefit those suffering from a wide array of diseases that impact all too many lives.

If we are going to fully benefit from the enormous investment of taxpayer dollars in biomedical research it is important that we move this legislation forward.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 4787

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, over the years, the safety of vehicles and passengers in a funeral procession have been of significant concern to both funeral directors and law enforcement officials. Various means have been utilized to alert the public to a funeral procession and to protect its integrity.